

CALMLY, HUERTA FACES THE END; LAST RITES OF CHURCH OFFERED

Wife With Tears in Eyes, Hands Clapsed in Prayer, Remains Beside Her Husband—All the Children Gather With the Former Mexican Dictator, Who is Reconciled to the End—Conscious and Serene.

THE last sacraments were administered to Gen. Victoriano Huerta at 4:29 Wednesday afternoon, and the dying old man spoke the few significant words required of him in the rite feebly, with full consciousness that he was approaching the end of his life.

At 2 o'clock, only a little over two hours before, he had vomited blood. Gen. Huerta is slowly sinking and was in a comatose state at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, and was not expected to live through the day.

He made his last will Wednesday night, following a sinking spell. A telegram was dispatched shortly after three to Mrs. Elena Hernandez, Gen. Huerta's absent daughter in New York, calling her to her father's bedside, reporting to her that he was dying.

At 5 o'clock two United States army surgeons and chaplain F. P. Joyce of the Fourth field artillery visited Gen. Huerta. Mrs. P. H. McAndrews of Fort Bliss took his pulse and Dr. Seton Norman asked a few questions on his condition.

By 6 o'clock Dr. M. P. Schuster, the old general's physician, Dr. M. O. Wright, and Dr. William Olen, who at the Huerta residence and examined the general, consulting afterwards on his condition.

Only a Matter of Hours.

It was announced that the general had a "fighting chance," with the probability of his holding out a matter of hours to decide.

Propped up in his bed on the second floor of the big house, Gen. Huerta, knew his end was approaching. He smiled feebly and talked weakly, at intervals.

His family gathered in the hall below and conversed in low murmurs. Once in a while, by twos and threes, some of them tip toed up the stairway to look at him and come away.

A big bouquet of flowers arrived in the afternoon from officers at Fort Bliss, friends of the dying general. The muffled telephone bell buzzed now and again as someone wanted to ask after Gen. Huerta's condition.

Wistfully Awaits the End.

And all the time upstairs, where no sound reached him from below, the old man, his military dignity fallen from him in the face of approaching death, lay back on his pillow, wan and faded, wistfully waiting for the end.

Gen. Huerta had not been told of the latest massacre of Americans in Mexico by bandits, and he had not heard of his indictment by the United States district court at San Antonio. No one had told him, and no one was allowed to speak on these subjects.

The old man, in face of impending death, was undisturbed by any but thoughts of himself and his serious condition, that he was only an old man, and that the span of his life was almost run.

Wife Faithful unto Death.

Senor Emilia Aguilar de Huerta, the old general's wife, kept hovering near by, and as she went upstairs or came down, tears were shining in her eyes. She did not speak to anyone all afternoon.

When the last sacrament was administered to her husband, she knelt by his side, close to him, clasping her hands before her, leaning against the bed in which the general was propped up, that he might hear the priest's words the better, and the better make his replies. The Rev. Carlos M. Mayer, S. J., of the Sacred Heart church, clad in his white vestments and gripping in one hand the big book from which he read, held the solitary candle before the old man's eyes as he closed the short ceremony. Then he clasped the stricken general's hands in his and the last spiritual rites had been administered. Gen. Huerta's soul was commended to his God.

Family Gathers Around.

Gathered in the room during the solemn ceremony, on bended knees, were the members of the general's family. Near his bedside were his sons and daughters, Jorge, Victor, Dagoberto, Elias, Luz, Eva and Ceila, and his two sisters, Teresa and Ursula Huerta.

Gen. Alessio Robles, the general's intimate companion, was there, in charge of every detail to make the old man and his family comfortable in face of the threatening end, handling all difficulties and making all arrangements for the quiet movement of final events.

Gen. Huerta's secretary, issued the following statement from the bedside of the dying general:

"In the actual moment of gravity in Gen. Huerta's condition I only wish to state, regarding the unjust and

APPEAL SENT TO ROOSEVELT

Americans On Border Ask Aid of the Colonel to Protect Those in Mexico.

A telegram to former president Theodore Roosevelt was signed Wednesday night and sent to Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, by El Paso men numbering more than 100, starting to circulate for signatures in the Hotel Sheldon lobby at shortly after 6 o'clock.

The wire asked help in the name of true Americanism, from an administration the spathy of which threatened American freedom abroad. The Wilson "too proud to fight" slogan was underlined and bitterly assailed. The appeal of Roosevelt as a power in the congress of the United States was asked, in an effort to get by way of congress what it was said Americanism could never expect of the present administration in Washington.

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GARCIA SAVAGES EASTERN SOLDIERS

Levies Tribute on Mexican Towns; Mexican is Tortured to Reveal Gold.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 13.—Gen. Alberto Garcia, with a following of 100 men, is operating in the Sahuaripa district of eastern Sonora, Mexico, and levying tribute upon the inhabitants of the small towns, Jose Willow, a Mexican mining man, said here today. According to Willow, Gen. Garcia claims to be operating independent of any other Mexican faction. Sahuaripa is almost due west of Madera.

Willow brought reports of the torturing of his partner, L. Estapan Borgaro, by a party of Villa troops three weeks ago at his camp near Jopori, Sonora.

The troops demanded gold of Borgaro and when he said he had none, they hanged him until he was nearly dead, according to Willow. Borgaro then revealed where he had buried \$2000 gold and his life was spared. He previously had given the troops 500 pesos.

ARGUMENT DEFEATS CARRANZA FORCE AT ESCALON, IS REPORT

Gen. Benjamin Arguedo, in command of 5000 Oaxaca troops, reported today in advices believed reliable, to have fought a battle at Escalon with 3500 Carrancista troops from Chihuahua and to have defeated Carrancistas. The battle, it is said, was fought yesterday.

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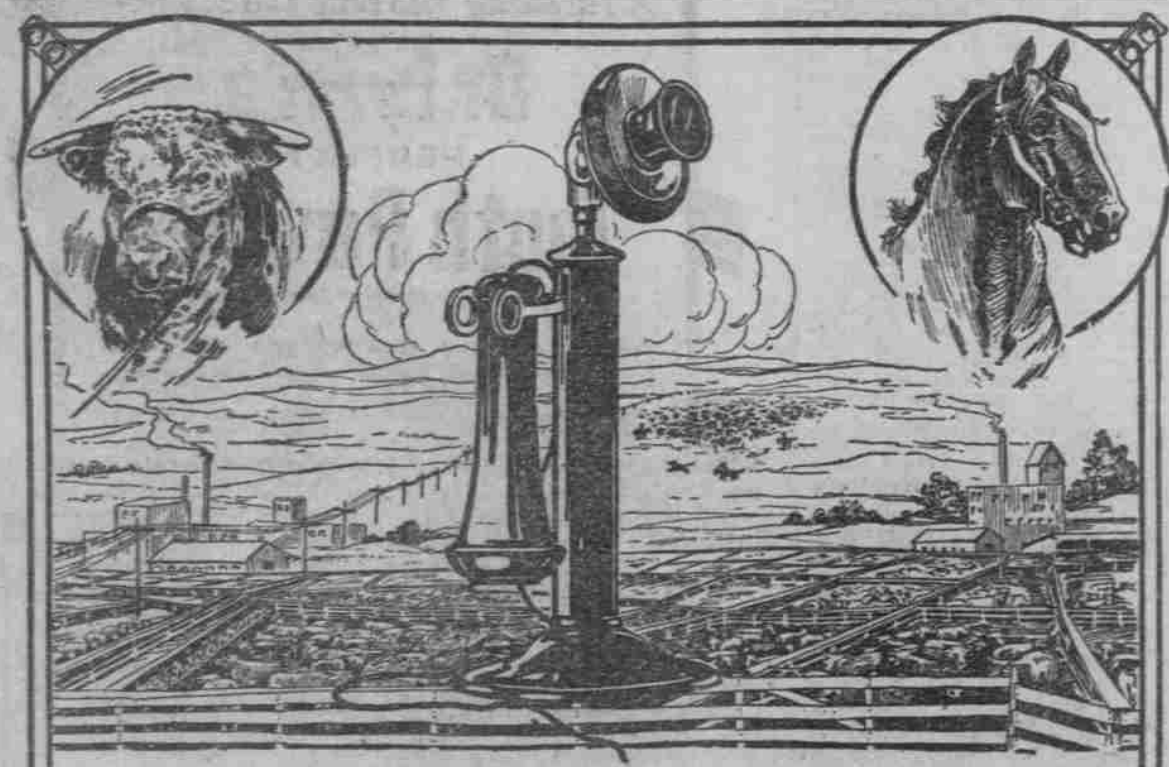
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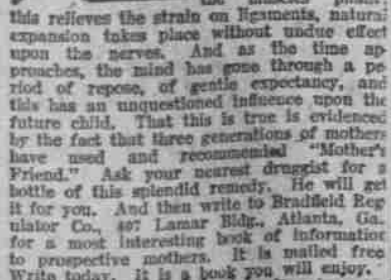
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ROBS BANK BUT LOSES THE MONEY

Tuskahoma, Okla., Jan. 13.—A bullet from the gun of cashier A. H. Palmer of the First State bank of this town frustrated a robbery of the bank just as it seemed about to succeed Wednesday afternoon. The bank was robbed by a man giving the name of James Philpott of McAlester.

Philpott entered the bank, pointed a revolver at A. H. Palmer, the cashier, and demanded all of the bank's currency. After receiving the money, Philpott made an unsuccessful attempt to lock the cashier in the vault, failing this he rushed out of the building, mounted his horse and rode off.

At this moment, Palmer grabbed a gun and shot the horse from under Philpott. Citizens overtook the robber within a few hundred yards of the bank.

The money taken was found where Philpott's horse fell.